



AF 2EW

PTO/SB/21 (09-04)
Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

| | | |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing) | Application Number | 10/720,845-Conf. #3619 |
| | Filing Date | November 24, 2003 |
| | First Named Inventor | Martin Jones |
| | Art Unit | 3728 |
| | Examiner Name | A. D. Stashick |
| Total Number of Pages in This Submission | Attorney Docket Number | ADI-099 |

| ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply) | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53 | <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Table on CD | <input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to TC <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below): Return Receipt Postcard |
| Remarks | | |

| SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT | | | |
|--|---------------------|----------|--------|
| Firm Name | GOODWIN PROCTER LLP | | |
| Signature | | | |
| Printed name | John V. Forcier | | |
| Date | February 9, 2006 | Reg. No. | 42,545 |

| | |
|---|---|
| I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as First Class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22316-1450. | |
| Date: <u>2/9/06</u> | Signature: <u>Linda M. Penta</u> (Linda M. Penta) |



Corres. and Mail
BOX AF

PATENT
Atty. Docket No. ADI-099
(120290/ 155734)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Jones *et al.* CONF. NO.: 3619
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/720,845 ART UNIT: 3728
FILING DATE: November 24, 2003 EXAMINER: Stashick, Anthony D.
TITLE: Shoe Closure System

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP NO. 3728**

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 14, 2005.

Please make the following amendments, without prejudice, and consider the following remarks. Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments, as they do not raise new issues of patentability, respond fully to the Office action, and place the claims in condition for allowance in conformance with the requirements set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows, without prejudice:

- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of the Claims that begins on page 2 of this Amendment and Response.
- Remarks begin on page 6 of this Amendment and Response.